

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY**  
**APRIL 4, 2022**  
**TOWN MEETING**



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 7:00 pm in the town hall for the April town meeting. The following were in attendance: President Leonard John Buckle, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Commissioner John Hurley, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Chief of Police Jeff Eckrich, Zoning Administrator Melissa Leonard, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Ridgely Historical Society Cathy & Rick Schwab, Bill & Connie Zaruba and Norma Pinkney.

President Buckle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the March 7, 2022 town meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Hurley, all in favor, approved.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**CLERK-TREASURER**

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve paying the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Hurley, all in favor, approved. Total general funds reconciled \$267,464.32, total sewer funds reconciled \$416.11, total water funds reconciled \$623.35, total ARPA funds reconciled \$705,223.53. The amount in the water and sewer funds does not show the funds that have been transferred to the new Shore United accounts. The MLGIP accounts with PNC have been closed and the funds have been transferred and will show in next month's statements.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

David Crist said that Bramble is working hard to complete the paving projects at Martin Sutton Park before the Strawberry Festival. Much will be depending upon the weather over the next few weeks. He discussed that he was getting prices for the sewer line camera to be purchased with the ARPA funding. We hope to have that ordered by the next meeting. A backhoe purchase will require bids and it takes about a year to order one at this time. He is going to begin that process.

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief Eckrich said that they have increased traffic enforcement, particularly at 480 and Sunrise Avenue. Out of 60 traffic stops in the past month, 28 were going over 50 mph on 480. 16 citations were given and the rest were warnings.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Melissa Leonard said that code enforcement letters for grass were beginning to be mailed and rental inspections have begun.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANT**

Gerald Sutton said that work has begun on preparing the FY23 budget.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Cathy Schwab told everyone about the Hannah Henry Day celebration to be held on April 9, 2022. There will be speakers and vendors and the signs on Chicken Bridge Road are being changed to Hannah Henry Way. April 16<sup>th</sup> the Historical Society will be meeting from 1-3 in the Ridgely Town Hall.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rick Schwab noted that the smell around town was bad after the spreading of manure, by local farmers, in neighboring fields. He requested that better smelling manure be used in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie L. Berkey, CMC